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PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1891,

A FOREORDAINED NOMINATION. So far as naming the leader for the campaign and defining the issues to be fought out this year, the Ohio Republican Convention yesterday was merely a formal aunouncement of what was settled some fime ago. For some months Major Me-Kinley has been the candidate agreed a candidate the issue for the campaign is defined more clearly by his record than can be done by any party platform.

McKinley is a vigorous, clean and active leader. For whatever strength he brings into the Republican canvass that party can give the credit to the stupid Democratic made him the leader in the State campaign. He will no doubt gain some popular sympathy from the unfairness of the fight against him, which he so gallantly lost. On the other hand, his convictions and record make the issue so clear that with him in the field the policy of a high protective tariff must be the pivotal issue of the canvass. We doubt if even the presence of a farmer's third party can obscure that issue, for McKinley is so typically the representative of protection that all supporters of that policy must support him; and those who do not vote for him must be counted as against his

The Ohio fight, therefore, will have vital bearing on the protective policy, and, with the certainty that the Democrats will put up their strongest man to oppose dental ticket.

#### RATEROADS AND POLITICS.

The discussion of the proposal for government ownership of railroads evokes an article from Mr. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., the former head of the United States Bureau of Studieties Mr. Nimmo gives a number of economic and social reasons against government railways, most of which are pertinent, and have been frequently set elsewhere and the people will object to forth in THE DISPATCH. But the effectiveness of these arguments is much lessened by Mr. Nimmo's obvious indorsement of the railway position which involves more glaring economic heresies and undemratic theories than are bound up in the unnecessary proposition of government railroads.

One of Mr Nimmo's assertions is that the railroad business should be kept out of politics. It should; but one of the first to the proposed German Exposition in things to do, to that end, is to reform corporation practices. When the rallways cease to seek undue and especial advantages from either legislation or the administration of the laws, the first step toward taking their business out of politics will be effected. When they add to that reform by paying willing and scrupulous obedience to the laws, and strictly fulfill the obligations of their charters, a long way will have been traversed toward the separation of the railroad business from

If Mr. Nimmo can induce his friends the railroad managers to take their business out of politics by this route, he will effect a great deal more than he is likely to do in any other way.

## NOT QUITE STRONG ENOUGH,

Some of the esteemed Republican organs in the State have been making an approximation to sharp talk by declaring that the nominations of the party this year shall not be burdened with the names of men who were concerned in that ballot reform Senator Amos II. Mylin as a man who for his services in turning ballot reform to a shallow cheat should be scrupulously kept off the ticket.

This is very commendable and truthful frankness; but it is not quite strong enough to meet the case. It is actuated by the desire to rid the party of jobbery and mis- them and their families? The socialistic management; but as long as it is unaccompanied by the missiles which bring the talk home to the minds of the politicians it has no weight with that element. At present the politicians have a not altogether unfounded idea that the organs that express themselves vigorously against the nomination of men who turned the Republican pledges into mockery can be whipped into line for the nominations, whatever they are. So long as that is true the managers will be able to reward their subservient followers as they choose.

When the Republican papers who wish to see their party placed on the basis of honesty and good faith declare they will bolt nominations which violate those principles, and show the politicians that they mean business, the latter class may find out that it will not pay to surrender their consciences to the party managers on account of an inability to get their wages.

The humorous phases of the Itata affair reach a climax in the statement that the extra consumption of fuel involved in the chase of that steamer and her final return to this country exhausts the fund for the purchase of coal for the navy. The spectacle of a great power possessed of a navy which it is building up at a cost of tens of millions annually left without coal for its ships till the beginning of the next fiscal year is the finishing touch to all the funny neidents of the first capture of the Itata, in which the captors proved to be the victims; of the search for that vessel in the harbor of Acapuleo while she was quietly sun's effulgence than it is getting at present, steaming down the Pacific, and of her final surrender by the Congressional party in Chile with an intimation that the United States could have her, after her ability to get away had been fully demon-

laugh on the United States so completely that if the Chileans wanted their revenge they have it in the spectacle of the United States halting between a paralysis of its navy for lack of coal and a violation of law by the use of unauthorized funds in Its purchase. There is almost room for suspicion that the Chileans had private information of the fact that the great United States was nearly as short of coal as the Esmeralda was at Acapulco, and concluded to give the exhausted supply its coup de grace by imposing on it the burden of taking the Itata and Charleston back to our Pacific coast harbors, where they can rest safely until some more coal can be

legally purchased. In the meantime the diplomatic department of the Government should warn friendly powers that it will be taken as a favor by the United States not to have any unpleasant questions raised which will re quire a voyage by our coalless war vessels.

THE POLICY OF DEPOPULATION. A very remarkable and yet what seems to be the logical Tory view of Ireland, and is expressed by a recent article in the London Spectator. That journal quotes

doubtedly is-the latest census return showing the remarkable decrease in the

Population. 8,196,527 1871... 8, 198, 527 1871. 5, 412, 877 6, 574, 278 1881. 5, 174, 838 5, 798, 967 1891. 4, 706, 162

This showing that nearly half of the population of Ireland has been either starved or driven out of the country since 1841 is analyzed by the Tory journal without the slightest idea that it contains any impeachment of the English rule. On the contrary, it declares that "Ireland has immensely benefited by having shed half her upon by universal consent. With him as population since 1841." This remarkable theory that a country gains from its de population is based on the assertion that "no rhetoric can get over the fact that Ireland cannot support eight million people.

This summary settlement of the ques tion by dogma is not at all interfered with partisanship that fixed up his district so in the Tory mind by the fact that England, as to crowd him out of Congress, and thus with an area less than fifty per cent greater than that of Ireland, supports a population at least four times as great as that which is declared to be impossible. The Spectator introduces a saving clause to the effect that "had Ireland developed manufactures, it might have been different;" but omits to notice that the English policy for centuries has been that Ireland must not develop manufactures.

That era has been remarkably capped by the half-century's work, over which the Spectator exults, in the management of the land system so that half the Irish must be driven from their land. The spectacle of a Tory journal approving that work is unique, but not pleasant.

COMMERCIAL WAR WITH GERMANY. Germany's proposition to enter into a commercial war against America, as out-McKinley, may have a no less direct bear- lined by Werner Von Siemens, only acing on the personnel of next year's Presi- knowledges the weakness of European countries in competition with the manufacturers of the United States. He admits that our natural resources are much greater than those of Europe and also admits that Mr. Blaine's scheme of reciprocity is robbing them of their South American trade. Mr. Von Siemens proposes that Germany prohibit American grain, cotton and sugar, but it will be very hard for that country to secure its supply paying a higher price than is necessary to purchase American products.

> country with the pride of Germany is likely to keep its industries in the background when all other nations are show ing what can be done by them. Germany will have an exhibit at Chicago, and America will reciprocate by sending an exhibit

#### THE FRENCH INSURANCE IDEA. The measure to provide governmental

insurance to French workingmen, introduced by M. Constans in the Chamber. looks to the American spectator like a singular development of the socialis theory. According to the summary of the bill any workman will be authorized to have certain deductions made from his wages, and if he does so will be entitled after 30 years to a pension ranging from \$60 to \$180 per year. Provision is also made for sickness and lack of employment, on the same modest scale we presume. The bill-according to the summary before us-"orders employers to pay certain contributions to the insurance fund," and the State also promises aid to the fund from which the pensions are to be paid

Put in this form the bill has a remarkable sound to Anglo-Saxon ears; but intelligent criticism of its provisions can hardly be made until a more exact statement of them is befraud. The Altoona Tribune designates fore us. Are the contributions from employers in the nature of a tax to establish this fund, or are the payments dependent on the deductions from the wages of the workmen? Is the fund supposed to insure only workingmen who contribute to it, or is there any relief for laborers who now find their wages insufficient to maintain nature of the measure is somewhat modified by the provision for the poor by taxation-so universal in England and the United States, but heretofore unknown in France-as the total contribution to this scheme is very much less than is raised in this country for the support of the destitute and incompetent and the relief of the

> Whether the French way is better or worse than the Anglo-Saxon way is a question that opens up a large field for discussion. It may induce French workingmen to insist on having wages enough to enable them to make this provision for old age: but from this distance it seems to fail to give any relief to those who cannot do so, and who therefore need the relief

It is significant of the kind of republican government prevalent in South America that the Brazilian Congress has adjourned without passing the new laws necessary to put the new Constitution into effect. this leaves Fonseca in control as military dictator it will be seen that the unique and arbitrary character of military rule under the Brazilian Government has not been materially altered by recent steps. With Hip polyic, Balmaceda and Fonseca as our allies the felicitations of the United States over its influence in establishing free government in America are decidedly humorous.

earth intercepts only half a millionth of the sun's rays. We hope M. Flantmarion has no intention of asserting the platform that the earth needs to intercept any more of the

Or course, the hot weather has brough out the senson's installment of the sun spot talk. An Italian astronomer has "found the bility to get away had been fully demon-trated. Solar disk in an extremely disturbed condi-tion," which is deemed a sufficient explana-tion of the prevalent weather. But the trouble with this explanation is that it is there to the regiment is unveiled. solar disk in an extremely disturbed condi-

produced for radically diverse conditions Sun spots were alleged to explain the cool and wet summer of 1889 as well as the present dry and hot season. Are sun spot o be regarded as the origin of all sorts of

Ir gossip may be believed the change in the direction of the fire department came before either the fire-boat, water tower or new engine houses. But, as a general rule of action, gossip may not be believed.

THE London Court Journal makes a comdimentary explanation of the reason why Englishmen marry American girls. It does not need explanation, although the attractive qualities of the American girl usually strike the English mind with most force when backed by a large bank account. But we think what is earnestly to be sought for 's some credible reason why American girls should marry Englishmen.

A PIRE engine trial under the direction of a master in chancery would be calculated to arouse doubts whether any of the steamers ould ever get their steam up

careful."

meekly.

can get in l'itsburg; a plain meal without more frills than a small bottle of wine constitutes. As they were gently puffing the smoke of two Henry Clays across the table, after the waiter had carried away all but ten cents or so of the five dollars, the gentleman with the entirely unearned dinner under his vest remarked: "That was deucedly odd, your finding the bill on the floor. I wonder whose it was? It couldn't have belonged to you, could it?"

"Of course not," replied his host, "you're the blankdest fellow I ever knew for imagining absurd things. The bill was dropped by —" as he spoke he had been unconcernedly thrusting his fingers into his pockets, but as he passed from his vest to his trousers' pockets, and from thence to the change pocket in his coat, his hand moved more rapidly, and at the words "dropped by" his face flushed and his left hand joined his right face flushed and his left hand joined his right in a lightning search of all the cavities and lurking places of his clothes.

"Great scott! that five dollars was mine!" he exclaimed.

Symptoms of Riches

"IT is hard to tell a rich man when you see

him," said a hotel clerk to me yesterday.

"Sometimes wealth runs to flashy clothes,

superabundant jewelry, and a loud manner; sometimes it is concealed beneath a slink-

ing demeanor and band-me-down suit, and

general unobtrusiveness. The happy mean,

ourteous bearing to all men and a nice com-

bination of self-assertiveness and respect

for other's feelings, is hardly ever seen by a

hotel clerk, for the reason, I suppose, that

rich men of this caliber do not live much in

Just then an elderly man, whose tangled

gray locks had not felt a barber's shears for many moons, whose black frock coat bore the traces of many an accident by soup and

gravy, whose face was not over clean and

whose shirt was not merely soiled but wilted

and brown near the neck where it ended in

a collar that might have been white a week

before, broke in upon our conversation and said to the clerk: "What's yer rates by the

The clerk gave the figures and the old

The clerk gave the figures and the old man, after consulting a big open-faced gold watch, remarked that he might be back later in the day. As the possible guest departed the clerk added to me: "I'd like to amend what I said about the difficulty of discovering a man's financial status from his exterior. There is one description of rich man I can always identify without trouble. He is the man, in whom, as in the old fellow who just spoke to me, a dreadfully dirty shirt front is combined with an expensive gold watch. I've never known those signs in conjunction to fail."

The Coolest.

THE hot spell has been as hard upon one

sex as the other, but the average woman doesn't look so wilted and weebegone as the

average man. In the course of my perambu-

lations since the thermometer has achieved

notoriety the coolest person I have seen was a young woman who illuminated a Pleasant

Valley electric car yesterday morning. As

the appearance of coolness is becoming as

able woman-it may be profitable to sketch as accurately as may be this particular cos-

tume. She wore a black lace dress, slightly

open at the neck; a hat of the prevailing

skeleton fashion, a fragile feather-weight

skeleton fashion, a fragile feather-weight, with a bunch or two of yellow and purple flowers for color. This description does not convey the air of coolness that the light tissue of somber lace, the airy headgear, and the absence of gloves from a well-shaped, siender hand combined to give, perhaps for the reason that somehow or other the personality of a pretty woman—and especially one whose eyes are brown and bright—gets mixed up with her attire in the production of an effect upon a masculine mind. But the same impression seemed to be made on other spectators in the dusty car, and one could feel that everybody was wishing he could be as cool as she looked. I suppose the teminine version of this feeling would be a desire to stand the heat so gracefully.

The Hottest.

On the other hand the hottest looking per

son I have seen since Saturday was a man

who patrolled the sidewalk in front of a

down-town clothing store. He was there to

persuade customers to step inside the store.

The only one of the usual outermost gar-

ments of man that he wore were trousers,

girt about with a dingy white handkerchief

in lieu of suspenders. His shirt sleeves were rolled up, and every square inch of his epi-

Now and again he swept a wave of water

A NEW COURT ORGANIZED.

Associate Judge Brewer Establishes a New

Tribunal at St. Louis.

St. Louis, June 16.-In accordance with an

act of Congress, a new United States Court

of Appeals was organized this morning by

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United

ent from Kansas, and Texas. Judge Bre appointed John J. Jordon, of Des Moines, Clerk, and William R. Hodges, of St. Lo

A CHICAGO THEATER IN TROUBLE.

ockholders Begin Chancery Proceeding

Against the Haymarket.

CHICAGO, June 16 .- Certain stockholders of

the Haymarket Theater Company to-day

Sowing Good Seed.

States Supreme Court, assisted by Circuit

minent members of the bar were pres

dermis exposed shone with perspirat

hotels,"

which I take to be well-made clothes.

EXPECTATIONS are still held out in Philadelphia that "Bardsley will tell all" in his statement before sentence is passed upon him. This is a very sanguine view of the situation. The success which has so far attended the efforts to prevent the inside facts from getting out is not likely to break down at the close. Some one has too much influnce to permit Bardsley or the others to tell all they know.

Now Rudyard Kipling denies that he is dying, and proposes to give the world evi-dence before long that he is very much alive.

IT is not calculated to contribute to the oride of the United States that it shares with Turkey the position of being the only power in the world that has failed to assent to the nternational treaty to suppress the slave and rum traffic in Africa. Turkey hangs ack on account of a sneaking fondness for the slave trade. Is the great republic dilatory on account of a secret bondage to the

THE airship schemes have not been heard from lately. Did they come to wreck in company with the financial balloons?

CONGRESSMAN DUBARROW, of Chicago, is quoted as desiring to have as one of the natures of the World's Fair the President and Cabinet, the members of the Senate and Iouse and the Supreme Court all in session at he Fair. The Congressman is indiscreet. The body of which he is a member makes a show of itself sufficiently in the regular sessions without giving any supernumerary exhibi

WE have the ships, we have the menbut the coal fund is exhausted, and that set-

REPORTS as to the new Prime Minister of Canada indicate that that country has it worse than we have. The Hon. J. J. C. is one of the Canadian Pacific ring; and his advance to the head of the government is very much as if this country should put the ern Pacific or the Jay Gould crowd in undisguised control of the administration.

MATERIALS of home manufacture should only be used in the Ohio platform.

IT IS noticeable that the bulk of settler on the new lands in the Northwest are nearly all Americans, Germans and Scandinaians. The Italian and Slavonic elements are singularly absent from the list of actual settlers: but when they learn that they can ther they may develop in eagerness to take advantage of the opportunity.

EVEN the corner loafer earns his living by the sweat of his brow now.

CONSIDERING all the fuss made about that difference of a half per cent interest in the extension of the 4%s, it is worth while to remember that Secretary Foster has stated The talk of refusing to exhibit at the Columbian Exposition is nonsensical, as no bonds, and that people who do not wish to take 11/2 per cent can take their money. That ght to make the whole matter very

> Tur last throw of the Prince of Wales nay cost him a throne.

THE outbreak of complimentary references in the New York papers to Mr. Chauncey M. Depew's oratorical and peronal attractiveness warrants the conclus hat the journalistic applications for ner passes have been honored with Mr. Depew's regular liberality.

THE June bug is not half so annoying as the June sun.

## CLINGING TO THE UPPER CRUST.

WILLIAM REDMOND, M. P., declare that English juries "are not gifted with

FRANCOIS COPPEE, the French author, is fond of cats that surround his desk and nib-ble at his pen when he writes. BELVA LOCKWOOD is annoved at the

tatement in a well-known book of refernce which makes her 71 years of age. She declares that she is yet only 59.

THE venerable mother of Opic P. Reed died recently at her home in Portland. She was 79 years old, and the mother of 11 children, only four of whom survive her. LADY HARCOURT, the historian Motley's

daughter, is one of the cleverest women in London society. She is very handsome and as more than a local celebrity because of her wit. SENATOR BLACKBURN'S daughters are ardent admirers of thoroughbred horses. They are always to be seen at the Lexington

races, and are thoroughly accomplished in equine lore. RUSSELL SAGE goes to bed at 10 o'clock every night in the year and is up at 6. He is very abstemious in his habits, but during winter months he takes a spoonful of whisky in water every morning and occa-ionally drinks a little claret for lunch. whisky

Now and again he swept a wave of water from his brow, and still did not stay the rivulets that flowed down both sides of his nose. He looked hotter than he was—though it is hard to concieve of a comparative degree in his case—because his complexion was very sangaine, and the sun with the best of intentions could not have made it much redder. Then he was stout and had unusually large hands, which he waved after the manner of a stranded scal with its flippers. To look at him, without regard to the heat, as he walked up and down was to perspire sympathetically. A better advertisement for the seersuckers, pongees and other lightweight clothing in the store could not have been planned. No heated pedestrian could look from such a monument of physical overdoneness to the cool garments in the store window without perceiving the logical conclusion of the argument. Perhaps the large man in process of evaporation or liquidation stands there for that very purpose. HEIDELBERG will erect shortly a monunent to Scheffel, author of the "Trumpeter of Sakkingen" and of the famous university ong, "Alt Heidelberg, du feine!" A Scheffe museum will be founded, also, in a wing of the big library building.

PRINCESS HELENE SANGUSKO, at one time a noted Polish beauty, died last month. She was one of the most influential women at the court of Napoleon III., and was value sought in marriage by Napoleon prior to his introduction by Evans to the Countess Eugenie Montije. Mr. DEPEW's desk stands near the center

of his large office, and never is any vacant chair found within 20 feet of it. Mr. Depew will lean back in his comfortable armchair and pour out aneedote, story and witticism without end; but he never invites his listener to sit down. FATHER JOHN HAUPTMANN, a German

Judge Caldwell, and District Judge Thayer, who, until the President appoints the regular Judge, will constitute the Court it-self. riest in Brooklyn, who lately died, com-nemorated the death of his housekeeper by \$20,000 monument made in Italy. A full length figure of the housekeeper was dedeted in granite, and this was placed her grave. Opposite it a statute of Father Hauptmann, with prayer book in hand, was erected, showing him looking with admiraation upon the image of his deceased servant. Bishop Loughlin ordered the priest to remove his own statue, which he did with began chancery proceedings against W. T. Dwight, President, and others, charging general mismanagement of the affairs of the

## A COMING REGIMENT REUNION.

The 63d Pennsylvania to Meet in August on the Field of Gettysburg.

company.

An injunction and accounting are asked for. The Haymarket is one of the largest unprown houses in Chicago. [SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] McKEESPORT, June 16.-The Sixty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, of San Antonio Examiner: which there are many survivors in Phis-If the farmers of the Southwest will build burg and some few here, have decided to hold their annual reunion at Gettysburg ommunity churches and school houses, hire competent teachers and plant hogs they need have no fear but that and immigration and increased land values

#### THE LATEST ENOCH ARDEN. TALK OF THE TOWN.

A Cousin of Don Cameron Reveals Him-Five Dollars Found and Lost-How to Spot self to a Long-Deserted Wife. a Rich Man-The Coolest of Women and SHAMOKIN, PA., June 16 .- An Enoch Arden the Warmest of Men-Gossip of the Day. case of an unusually sensational nature has just come to light here. Gharles Cameron, a THEY were standing up in a Southside horse car, when the taller man of the cousin of United States Senator Don Cameron, formerly resided in Pottsville, two suddenly let go of the strap, stooped down, picked up something on the floor; put where he was a prominent contractor. Du it in his vest pocket and then drew himself up again. He maintained his composure and silence with an apparent effort till the ing the year 1848 he married Miss Mary ing the year 1848 he married Miss Mary Markle, a favorite in society circles. Their life was happy for awhile, but finally Cameron began to drink.

In 1860 Cameron said that he intended to go to Richmond, Va., where he had contracted for the building of a church. He kissed his wife and little ones goodby and left Pottsville. In a few weeks his wife received a letter from him inclosing \$20, and later \$5 and then \$10, which was the last money or letter sent her. One day, after the car neared Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, when he walked out to the platform and said to the conductor: "I've found omething valuable on the floor of the car. If anybody reports a loss to you, you can refer him to me; my name is—, and I can be found at —." Then both men left the car.

later \$5 and then \$10, which was the last money or letter sent her. One day, after the battle of Bull Run, word reached Mrs. Cameron that her husband had been stabbed to the heart in a gambling den in the capital of the Confederacy. Later on the supposed widow and family moved to Greenback, where she married William Madden, a young miner. Three years later Madden was killed on the railroad, and about three years ago the widow moved to this place and started a boarding house.

On Saturday last, while Mrs. Madden was standing on her front steps waiting for her son to come to dinner, a stranger appeared and asked if Mrs. Charles Cameron still lived in Shamokin. The woman started, and the man was about to repeat the question when Mrs. Madden told him to leave. The stranger attempted to enter the house. He was re-"Did you notice how I managed that? I made no fuss; didn't say a word, but just pocketed it quietly," said the taller man, and without waiting for answer or comment he went on: "Now if you'd found it you'd have got excited, and told the whole car about it, and somebody to whom it didn't belong would have claimed it. It's a lesson to you, my boy, to be careful how you announce a find like that. You can't be too "What was it?" asked his companion

meekly.

"A five dollar bill," was the reply and a genuine fiver came out of his vest pocket to substantiate the assertion. "Of course if the owner of the bill claims it I shall pay it over, but to present intents and purposes it's mine. I propose that we have a nice little dinner and a bottle, ch!"

"I'm in favor of the dinner," said the other, "but hadn't we better go slow and save some change out of the—"

"No, sir," interrupted the lucky discoverer, "we'll have a good dinner and wash it down with the very best."

And they had as good a dinner as a man can get in Pittsburg; a plain meal without more frills than a small bottle of wine constitutes. As they were gently puffing the attempted to enter the house. He was re-fused admittance, and finally said: "Don' you know me, Mary? I am Charles, you husband, and I have come to beg forgive ness." Then he went over a number of inci dents occurring during the happy hone moon and satisfied her that he was no i oster, but she shut the door in his face

#### SLIGHTLY ABSENT MINDED.

While Talking About Others He Forgot to Take His Own Change.

New York Herald.] There are a good many absent minded men among the business men of New York, as the records of the postoffice will show. Those who mail letters without any address and those who mail addressed letters without any stamp are on hand in force every day. The man who incloses money in such letters is not wanting. I went over from the Aston House one day and talked to a clerk through a 6-inch window about it, buying a dollar's worth of stamps at the close of an evidence of good faith. When I arrived home, some six miles away, I discovered that I had given a \$5 bill to the stamp man and had come away without the change.

The next morning I was somewhat nervous concerning that \$4, and hastened to the postoffice. The stamp clerk was serving a long line of customers, but as soon as I approached and attered the first word he immediately and silently handed out four \$1 bills. House one day and talked to a clerk through

ills.
"I didn't know but what among so many fools," said I, "you might easily forget one." "Possibly," he dryly retorted. "But you were the most conspicuous one y Two's did you say, sir?"

#### BLACK SNAKE VERSUS FISH.

Novel Contest Between the Two Ended by a Third Party's Stick.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] LEXINGTON, W.VA., June 16 .- A black snak about 3 feet long was seen swimming in Tom-linson's Run yesterday with a fish, comnonly known as bullhead, in its mouth. The fish was nearly 8 inches long. The sunk had succeeded in swallowing the fish, be rinning at the tail, up to just back of it head, where its forward fins are reinforces by strong horns or spines. Beyond this point the snake's jaws could not get, for so long as the fish survived just so long would it instinctively raise its fins and horns whenever it felt the end of the snake's jaws to solve the snake's jaws

outhing them. With a strong forked stick the snake was

cent over the advance of the previous year.
The departmentalso promised three stamp stations and four additional mail carriers for July 1. The business of the office ! spreading over the city so rapidly that thi well as comfortable—qualities that do not always go hand-in-hand in the dress of ador-

## CHICAGO'S NEW STRIKE.

Prospect That the Architectural Ire Workers May Soon Win.

CHICAGO, June 16 .- Several hundred me vere added to the ranks of the Ornamental Iron Works strikers this morning by the go ing out of an additional number from other orders and some of the blacksmiths engaged on ornamental wrought iron work.

One of the bosses has yielded to the strik
ers' demands, and several others are ex rs' demands, and several others are ex-ected to do so within a few days.

## Heading Off the Police.

New York Press.] Mexico's morality is not deep-seated or widespread. She proposes to stop gambling and lotteries, except in duly legalized places that is, where the Government gets its hare of the plunder from victims,

Pittsburg Had 'Em All.

New York Recorder. ] The Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage told his ngregation last Sunday that "the most lamaging thing on this earth is religious controversy." Oh, come now! How about the grip and hand organs?

# DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Bishop Thomas V. French. News has been received by telegraph that Ri Rev. Dr. Thomas Valpy French died from sun troke at Muscat, in Arabia, on the shores of the Persian Guif. About four years ago Bishop Frenc esigned his Bishopric at Labore, Punjab. gage once more in missionary work, and he had since been laboring in Algiers, Syria and Arabia. since been laboring in Aiglers, Syria and Arabia. Hishop French was a man of distinguished scholarship. He entered at University College, Oxford, England, and was graduated in 1846. He was a fellow and tutor of his college, and prose Latin essayist, having taken a first-chass in chassical honors. For many years he was a distinguished missionary in hadia, and at intervals he held high clerical preferment in England. He was rector of St. Paul's, Cheitenham, vicar of Leith, and rector of St. Ebbe's, Oxford. He established the Divinity School at Lahore, and started an Afghan mission in the Derajat. When the Bishopric of Lahore, Punjab, was founded by the Indian Government Dr. French was by universal consent acknowledged to be the right man for the peat, and was consecrated first Bishop of Lahore on December 21, 1877. In India he was known as "that many-tongued man of Lahore," for he could preach in English, Persian, Hindustani, Pushto, Hindel, Tamil and Punjabi, and was an entirent scholar in Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac, Greek and Latin. For his devoted labora in behalf of the British soldier during the Afghan war he was presented by the Government of India with a "sword of honor."

## Mrs. Catherine Hughes.

Mrs. Catherine Hughes died at New Brunswick, N. J., Monday, aged over 107 years. She was norm in New Brunswick, N. J., April 16, 1774, and has in New Brunswick, N.J., April 16, 1774, and has lived under the rule of every President of the United States. During the latter years of her life she was ofind. Children of four generations are living, though only one of her own children, Car-tain Mathias Tice, survives her. She was married six times, and leaves, besides her son, nine grand-children, 17 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

Peter Bothenberger, well known all over East-ern Pennsylvania, died in Muhlenberg township, near Reading, Sunday night, aged 50 years. His reputation rested on his ability as a violiuist, and no old-time dance or other suchai festival for the past 65 years was considered complete without him.

Peter Rothenberger.

JOHN C. KOCII, a veteran of the Mexican War, tied at his bome in Newark late Sunday night, 92 lears old. JOSEPH ELLINGER, a famous Hungarian vocalist, who was first a chorus singer and finally be-came a tenor of great popularity, died recently at Buda Pesth, at the age of 71.

MISS SUSAN WINSOR, of Scituate, Mass., who

#### SOCIAL WORLD FANCIES.

cial Leaders Wedded in and Near Pitts burg-The Great McKee-Chalfant Nuptials-Another Brilliant Assemblage at Sewickley-The Women's Club Holds Its Closing Session.

THE McKee-Chalfant, one of the most bril-

liant weddings of the season, was cele-brated last evening at the Chalfant home on North avenue. The residence, which has but recently been remodeled and practically rebuilt, containing now some of the handwithout doubt the finest dining hall in the State, was brilliantly illuminated and fragrant with a profusion of fresh flowers that were placed on the mantels and cabinets, and wreathed and festooned mirrors and chandeliers. The company that assembled for the wedding was a representative one and included the leaders of the social, business and professional circles of this city and prominent people from distant cities. Among the latter were General Flagler, commandant at the post and superintendent of the arsemal and works at Rock Island, Ill., and R. H. Hall, of the United States array, who, in company with the groom, Major George W. McKee, whose best man he was arrived in Pittsburg Monday. Miss Mary Chalfant, the bride, was attended by her next eldest sister, Miss Belle, who will now become Miss Chalfant. The bridal attire was a bewitching creation of white that draped in soft pretty folds and displayed to advantage the admirably proportioned figure of the wearer. The bridesmaid was also clad in white. An elaborate supper followed the ceremony, served by Kennedy to the sweatest strains of Toerge's Orchestra. Major McKee, who is the commandant of the Frankfort Arsemal at Philadelphia, formerly of the Allegheny arsemal, departed later in the evening with his fair bride on an extended wedding tour. Many friends of the bridal couple regret that their future home will be in Philadelphia instead of Pittsburg, but all unite in showering congratulations upon them. somest apartments of any in the city, and without doubt the fluest dining hall in the St. Stephen's Church, Sewickley, was the

scene of a very brilliant wedding last night, and not a seat in it was unoccupied. It united the fortunes and fates of Miss Caroline Bloomer Whiting and Mr. George Phelps Rose. The former is the daughter of Mr. Nathau Whiting, of sewickely, while Mr. Rose is a member of the firm of J. D. Berad & Co., of this city. The church had been decorated by the Chancel Society, and presented a rarely picturesquoappearance. Daisies covered the altar rails, and biossomed in every corner of the chancel and in the ushers' buttonholes. A few moments after so clock the bridal procession entered the church, the four ushers, Messrs E.S. Carpenter, Clarence Swearingen, E. D. Gilmore and Frank Paulson, and the two little nieces of the bride, the Misses Helena and Josephine Neal, preceding the bride and Mr. Whiting, her futher. At the chancel steps they were met by the united the fortunes and fates of Miss Caroing the bride and Mr. Whiting, nor lather. At the chancel steps they were met by the bridegroom and his best man, Dr. J. G. Edmundson, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Robert Benton. The Right Rev. Bishop Whitehead, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Benton, Whitehead, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Benton, then performed the ceremony. The new organ, under the skilled hands of Miss Mary Glenn, lent a large element of beauty to the service, the wedding marches from "Lohengrin" "Tannhauser and other selections forming the musical programme. The bride's dress was of white satin, brocade crepe and pointe lace, and instead of a bouquet she carried a white prayer-book. Miss Whiting looked very lovely and radiant, as well she might with the good wishes of a host of friends and the acquisition of the day. After the service a reception took place at the bride's house, in which by the way the array of wedding presents was unusually large and dazzling. The newly-wedded pair left on the night train for Cleveland, en route on a honeymoon in the East.

THERE was a meeting of the ladies interested in the Young Women's Christian Association held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. The Committee on Arraugements reported everything progressing nicely and suggested that the organization be known as the Central Young Women's Christian Association of Pittsburg and Allegheny. This suggestion was

With a strong forked stick the snake was lifted out of the water, whereupon the fish fell out of the snake's mouth. Evidently it had been there some time, for it was lacerated, livid in spots and its life blood seemed to have been horribly sucked out of it. leaving the most of its body pallid and colorless. When released it sank head first to the bottom of the pool, then revived and came to the surface and afterward swam slowly and laboriously away.

THE M'KEESPORT POSTOFFICE.

The Postmaster's Salary Increased and Better Facilities Promised.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO, THE DISPATCH.]

MCKEESPORT, June 16.—The Postoffice Department at Washington has increased the salary of Postmaster Soles, as his books for the last, year showed an advance of 5 per cent over the advance of the previous year.

Wolners Christian This suggestion was adopted.

The following officers were then elected: The following officers

Phillips, St. Andrew's Church. THE commencement of the Bishop Bowman Institute was held at 10 o'clock yester-day morning in Trinity Episcopal Church. The graduating exercises of this year's class were opened by the vested choir singing processional hymn as they moved to their processional hymn as they moved to their position in the church. Then followed the order of service as found in the Book of Common Prayer, excepting that after the creed there was sung a hymn, after which Rev. George Hodges made the address to the graduates, in the stead of Rev. Henry Adams, rector of St. Paul's, who was unable to fill the engagement on account of sudden illness. The gold medal was awarded to Miss Helen De Con Kelly, Bishop Whitehead making the presentation. Her classmates were Misses Jean Reynolds Seely, Ella Miller and Margaret Jean Carson. They were all dressed in white muslin and tulie and wore white leghorn hats trimmed with white water lillies and ribbons. Each carried a bouquet of white roses. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Mr. Caster.

A good performance and a swelteringly hot night combined to make matters interesting for those who attended the exercises of the graduating class at Curry University. In spite of the sultry, almost suffocating, at-In spice of the sultry, almost suffocating, atmosphere of the hall the programmic furnished was most enjoyable. The numbers were as follows: Kuhe's duet on the piano, "Grand Gallop de Concert," by Misses Sophia Simens and Laura Josenhans; the Class History by Miss Mary M. Swaney: a recitation by Miss Nina Milligan; Robyn's "Answer," sung by Miss Tillie Mackintosh; "The Trend of Education," a clever oration by R. L. Fleming; a recitation by Miss Theodora Marshall; Singelee's violin and plano duet, "Fantasie," by Misses Lulu and Edna Vogler; the class prombecy by Miss Elizabeth Lysle, and "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," sung by Miss Manie Little, Prof. Simeon Rissell was the accompanist. All the performers did well, the work of Miss Marshall being especially worthy of praise.

Ox Mrs. C. I. Wade's lovely lawn at Edgwood yesterday the Woman's Club enjoyed the annual fete with which it closes the season of study. The date being some two weeks late this year, the club was not as fully represented as at former fetes, some of the members having already departed for their summer homes and for seaside resorts. Nevertheless the meeting was one full of interest as it was the first one at which Mrs. Wade had presided since her return from the Convention of Woman's Clubs, held in Orange N. J. hast month.

the Convention of Woman's Clubs, held in Orange, N. J., last month.

A delicious luncheon, served in the pretty, cool dining room, was a feature of the day after which the company retired to the law and enjoyed an informal meeting. An interesting account of the Woman's Convention was then given by Mrs. Wade in her own bright, witty manner, Several papers were read and an animated discussion followed, which gradually developed into an all around conversational party.

THE large and airy rooms of the Young

Women's Christian Association, on Collins avenue, were profusely, but tastefully, decorated with flowers and evergreens last evening. The occasion was a supper given by the young ladies, and after it was held an informal reception. The beautiful lawn, illuminated by Chinese lanterns, had erected on it a large tent, used for the sale bons and sweets of all description. Within
the building were booths, at which were sold
many pieces of exquisite fancy work, and
the rear porch was devoted to a display and
sale of flowers. The fete was really the
preduct of the planning and labor of the
junior band of the association, composed of
about 20 little girls, and to them is due much
of the credit for the success of this praiseworthy undertaking on their part to contribute to the fund for the Industrial School,
which has for so long been an undertaking
of the association. as and sweets of all description.

One of the prettiest of the many June weddings was that which united Grace Forest Coles and John Schlegel yesterday. The ceremony was performed at St. Peter's Epis-Miss Susan Winson, of Scituate, Mass., who lived for many years with the Misses Abby and Becky Bates, who alone with 8fe and drung frightened the British army from Scituate in the War of Isi2, died Friday at the age of 8t.

Captain Walters, F. Bates, a noted pilot in Hawaiian waters, died at Honolulu May 19. He was a native of Cotinesett, Mass., but had lived in Honolulu since 1862. He was for a time Chief of Police in Kalakaua's capital, and then took employment from the Inter-Island Steam Navigation was his brother, Charles Schlegel. After an was his brother, Charles Schlegel. After an

# extended trip through the Eastern cities, the young couple will be at home to their friends at 81 Sixth avenue.

Fried ice cream and luscious strawberries were very much appreciated last evening by the Believue people who thronged the M. E. Protestant Church of that place. The pretty little chapel was fresh and radiant in a new attire, and the affair was in the nature of a house-warming. A musical and literary programme was enjoyed in which, under Mrs. Winn McIntyre's management, appeared Mrs. F. W. Keifer, Mrs. Nettie McFadden Hunter, Miss Ella McIntosh and Miss Lena Rhonds. The tables were presided over by Mrs. W. H. Warwick and Mrs. James Irwin.

Presley O'Mally, of Pittsburg, was mar ried at Oil City last night to Miss Mamie Fisher, daughter of Daniel Fisher. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The resi-dence was handsomely decorated, and the wedding was a society event. Mr. and Mrs. O'Mally left on the 2 o'clock train for Pittsburg, where they will make their home.

MISS LILLIAN A. REDDICK was tendered a complimentary concert last evening, under the auspices of the British American Asso ciation, in the Moorhead building. Thos appearing on the programme were Henry Lorenz, Annie Orr, Messrs. Graham, Se-vill and Emery, Theo A. Rentz, Messrs. Lie-field, Davis, Heming and Ehrhard, Miss Hannah Baster. William Montag, Miss Kath-leen Dengle, Misses Reddick and Miller.

Social Chatter aW. J. Cook, rate clerk for the Pennsylvania road at Johnstown, will be married June 25 to Miss Bertie J. Bolsinger, of that place. The young man is well known among rail-road men in Pittsburg.

WILLIAM HANEY and Miss Sophy Phister were married yesterday. Two carloads of friends of the young couple went to Jean-nette last evening to celebrate the marriage feast

Mas. SMITH NEWELL, the charming wife of the cashier of the First National Bank, of Cleveland, was the guest during the week of Miss Gertrade Campbell, at her Penn avenue

THE Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania held its regular meeting last evening in the Academy building. Mr. Harry J. Lewis read a paper on "Bridge Design." The King's Daughters of the Avalon Pres-byterian Church gave a strawberry and ice-cream festival in the school hall at West Bellevue last evening.

THE George Jenks river excursion evening was to many a panacea for all the suffering of the exceedingly hot day preced

ing it. THE Young Men's Club, of Braddock, held their second annual fete champetre at Idle-wild Park yesterday.

THE Sandusky Street, Allegheny, Baptis Church will picnic at Idlewild on the 25th. THE Thompson-McKnight marriage to THE Meade-Woodburn nuptials this even

## A BIG WASTE OF MONEY.

THE Heyman-Raum wedding to-day.

Cartloads of Government Printed Matter No Better Than Old Rubbish. [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Washington, June 16 .- If the committee Senator Manderson, which proposes to in-vestigate the operation of the Government Printing Office, were to make the rounds of the departments at this time they would find much interesting matter for their report to Congress. Within the last day or two there have been sent to Cabinet officers, assistant secretaries, chiefs of bureaus, assistant chiefs and other officials, a cartload each of Government publications, well printed and solidly bound in sheepskin. They contain executive and legislative documents, committe reports, scientific, commercial and other reports. Great volumes of the "Records of the Rebeilion," useless because the set cannot be made complete, and a jumble of other works, so trival, of so little importance to anybody, that the wonder is they were ever printed at all, to say nothing of publishing elaborate and costly editions for general distribution.

These carticads of tomes are dumped into the offices of the officials for whom they are intended. These gentlemen group through them for something of sufficient importance to preserve. Probably out of the cartical executive and legislative documents, com

to preserve. Probably out of the cartione they each find two or three volumes of some they each find two or three volumes of some interest to them. Then the clerks are invited to go through them, and a few more volumes are selected. The remnant, which is the great bulk of the cartload, is again loaded up and taken to the out of the way rooms where such costly rubbish has been stored for years and where tens of thousands of volumes lie to be caten by the worms or destroyed by dump or mould. Those to destroyed by damp or mould. Those whom they are sent would prefer new see them. The stuff that is sent to the not even valuable for waste paper, the in the aggregate it represents an imm sum in material, printing and binding.

## THE KANSAS WHEAT YIELD.

Secretary Mobiler, of the Agricultural Board Gives His Estimates. Topeka, June 15 .- Secretary Mohler, of the Agricultural Board, returned this morning from a trip through the northwest part of the State. He declares that the crop reports, which have been collected by the various newspapets in the last few weeks, are very misleading. "The fact in the matter is," he said, "that there never was a time in the said, "that there never was a time in the State when there was such differences between adjoining wheat fields.
"In the Solomon Valley, for instance, I found fields which would make 50 bushels to the acre, while adjoining fields will not pay for the cutting. The statement that the yield will reach 60,000,000 bushels is also erconcous. There will be the largest acreage

roneous. There will be the largest acrenge that the State has ever had. It will reach vives, and that the payment was made in the 3,000,000 acres and as nearly as can be esti-mated there will be a three-fourths crop of 150 bushels to the acre."

## MASTER MECHANICS MEET.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Association at Cape May.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] CAPE MAY, N. J., June 16 .- The opening ssions of the twenty-fourth annual conven tion of the Master Mechanics' Association of the representatives of the various rail of the representatives of the various railroads of the United States were held in this
city to-day. The convention will probably
be in session daily the balance of the week,
and many things of interest in the building
of railroads will be discussed.

About 400 delegates are present and many
will arrive during the next two days. Almost every city and nearly every road in the
union is represented.

## An Old Society Art.

Chicago Herald: Mrs Russell, the wife of the eminent Delsartenn, Edmund Russell, has written a book on the "yawn." She contends that the yawn should be cultivated as one of the principal pleasures and relaxations of life, and that we do not yawn enough. Probably the very best remedy for an insufficiency of yawning is to read her book.

Thiel College's President-Elect. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH,) GREENSVILLE, June 16 .- Rev. Theopholis B. Roth, of Ithaca, N. Y., was to-day elected President of Thiel College. It is thought that he will accept the offer.

## PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

P. L. Kimberly, a Sharon iron man, and Representative J. S. Fruit, of the same place, registered at the Monongaheia House last evening. A. McKinley, of New York, a brother of the tariff advocate, is also at the hotel. Mr. McKinley is a drummer.

Evan Evans, the representative of Car-negie Bros. in London, and George T. Bishop, commercial agent of the "Clover Leaf" route at Cieveland, are stopping at the Du-Captain George A. Mushbach and wife

of Alexandria, are in the city. The Captain intends to purchase a nail plant and rolling mill in Ohio to be removed to Virginia. T. C. Boone, an old gentleman from Salem, was married at the Monongahela House yesterday morning. The name of the bride could not be learned.

John F. Thompson, a coffee merchant from Rio Janeiro, took dinner at the Monon-gahela House yesterday. Frank J. Hearne, manager of the River-side Iron Works, at Wheeling, is at the Mo-

ofheln house. John Dick, a brother of the Meadville

W. R. Rooney, of the United States Navy, put up at the Duquesne yesterday. James N. Moore, of Butler, is a guest the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

J. C. McKinney, the Titusville oil man,

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Rabbits are damaging crops in Schley county, Ga. -Some genius has discovered that the or-

linary watch gives 116,114,000 ticks a year. -The citizens of Green Cove Springs, Florida, raised a subscription and purch

-Seattle, Wash., is said to have 2,000 idle laborers standing around the street, with no prospect of work.

-A snake 19 feet 7 inches in length was killed in the act of carrying off a small pig pear Gladwin, Mich. He stole several before

ie was caught. -Wolves have killed a large number of sheep in Webster county, W. Va., and the county court offers \$50 each for woif scalps, to which a citizens' committee will add \$10. -A schooner of Provincetown, Mass., has

just returned from a 20 months' mackerel fishing cruise in African waters. She sent home 1,000 barrels, and brings 50 barrels -The recent English | Census gives the opulation of Liverpool at 518,000. The Cen-us of 1881 gave that city 532,508. This shows decline of 6.2 per cent, but the reason therefor is not given.

-Fields Martin, who lives near Flowery Branch, Ga., has worn a coat only a few times since the surrender of General Les He says he feels more comfortable without ne, no matter how cold the weather -A cow on a Georgia farm last week gave birth to a calf that had distinct earmarks on each ear, a swallow fork on the right and a smooth crop on the left. This is the exact stock mark of the son of the owner of the

-An electric car in St. Paul, Minn., while passing the end of a bridge in a heavy rain recently was struck by lightning. The car was set on fire and the machinery ren-dered useless. Not one of the passengers was injured.

-Thomas Cooper and wife, who live near Flowery Branch, Ga., have four daughters.
All except one married widows' sons, all of
their husbands being named William, and all
of them the youngest of the family, and all
married on the third Sunday in the fronth.

-A lady of Jacksonville told a reporter that she swallowed one box of of pills each week for 16 years. There are 25 pills in a box and she has consumed the contents of \$32 boxes—20,800 pills. For each box she paid 25 cents, making a total spent in the 16 years of

-In the jungles of Sumatra is found an enormous spider, which measures three inches across the body and seven across the legs. It is black in color, with red and yel-low markings. It spins a geometrical web about four feet in diameter between two -There are 18 counties in Pennsylvania

that have no debt. They are Lehigh, Beaver, Cameron, Center, Columbia, Erie, Forest, Franklin, Green, Lawrence, Mercer, Mon-tour, Perry, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wyoming and York. The combined debt of all the other counties is \$58,979,972.

-Mrs. Hodgins, of Milton county, Ga,, killed a snake in her yard on Tuesday evening that had just run-off a setting hen, and appropriated 15 eggs. The snake was so gorged that locomotion was difficult, so he was easily dispatched. The reptile measured 5 feet 4 inches from tip to tip. -It is claimed that John Rockafeller could give every man, woman and child in

the United States \$2 each and still have left the modest sum of \$1,000,000 with which to start a peanut stand. William Waldorf As-tor could do the same thing, while our own dear Jay Gould could give \$1.69 each and then have left \$5,000,000 with which to sink a well for more water. -A well-known physician of Jacksonville, Fla., went out north of the city to administer to a colored woman patient. He

frove up to the gate, dismon the house and inquired as to

drove up to the gate, dismonited, entered the house and inquired as to how the sick was getting along. Imagine his surprise when informed that the woman was dead and buried. The doctor smiled and said he didn't think she would recover. -A house cat belonging to J. C. Barry, of Pine Hill, Florida, caught a large rabbit the other night and dragged it to the house the other night and arranged it to the found and into the kitchen, where the cat had a lot of kittens to feed. The cut was followed by a huge rattlesmake, who colled himself up by the stove, probably waiting for a share of the rabbit, but the rattle attracted the atten-tion of the family, and his snakeship was quickly dispatched.

-A two-legged goat has been agitating Cordele, Ga. James Barnhill is the possessor of this freak of nature, and he is exhibiting him at 10 cents a look, with a slight reduction when you look several times. He is of the "billy" gender, walks upright like a chicken sits down like a dog, is a very intelligent lit

tle creature, and is indeed a curiosity. It is a great pet, and children and ladies go wild with delight over "billy." -A peculiar chain of events was recently brought to light in a Kansas-divorce case, in which a man petitioned for a separation on the ground of his wife's insanity. It developed that the Judge who granted the di-vorce issued the marriage license to the pe-titioner, performed the ceremony, presided at the trial to establish the insanity of the wife, and finally, acting as the Judge pro-tem of the District Court, issued the decree

of divorce. -Weighing machines and scales of some kind were in use 1800 B. C., for it is said that Abraham at that time "weighed out" 400 Abraham at that the wegged on the shekels of silver, current money, with the merchant to Ephron, the Hittite, as payment for a piece of land, including the cave and all the standing timber "in the field and in the fence." This is said to be the earliest transfer of land of which any record surfaces and that the payment was made in the

ace of witness -A. H. Quarles, the uncle of Miss Birdie Laramore, whose mother insulted a teacher at the Savannah, Ga., High School a few days ago for tendering Birdie a second instead of ago for tendering Birdie a second instead of first honor badge, was arrested and a case made against him for disturbing the busi-ness of the public schools. This offense vio-lates a city ordinance. The principal fault committed by Quarles appears to have con-sisted in his having accompanied his sister, Mrs. Laramore, when the teacher was in-sulted by the latter.

-Joseph Graham, of Eastman, Ga., had fed his hogs the other morning and was lean-ing on the fence watching them eat, when he felt something chilly fondling and caressing him in a poculiarly carriest way about the head, face and neck. He saw at once that he had placed his clow about midway on the body of a king snake several feet long and was holding him fast down on the rail, and, as one would suppose, both ends of the snake being loose, they cut up rigorous capers about Mr. Graham's countenance. elt something chilly fondling and caressing

## FUNNY FELLOWS' FANCIES.

Jumpuppe-Confound these theosophists. Jasper-Why? Jumpupe-They convinced my wife that she has seven bodies, and she went off and bought a dress for each one. - Toronto Mail.

De Beere-Your painting has one quality

t least, that of innocci

De Beere-Yes. It is so art-less, -News Fork Tele-When Satan grasps a new guest's hand, And starts to show him through, He first inquires in accents bland, "Is it hot enough for you?", "Chicago Tribuns,

Miss Murray Hill-Do you like pastel oloring, Mr. Breezy? Mr. Breezy-Well, no: I can't say that I do. I've ard that some of it is poisonous. Plain white olasses candy is good enough for me. - New York

"And the heathen cooked the missionary They did." They were hungry, I suppose, and couldn't

take time to undress him."

No. I guess it was for the seasoning. You se
he had on a pepper and sait suit."—New Yor Ludy Noodleby-Isn't American aristocracy very cheap?
Miss Veripert-Well, I don't know. I find that it is not hard to buy a European nobleman at a bargain. New York Herald.

Blizzard Bill-What's the subject fer debate at the Etiquette Club to-night? Six-card Henderson-"Which is the improper-est, for a man to eat with his hat on or his coat

off!"-Indianapolis Journal. Young married man-What would you do. my dear, if I were one of those men who are in had humor when they get up in the morning and use had have note they get up break had is cold? bud language because the breakfast is cold?
Young wife-1 would make it but for you. -Judge

Teacher-The lesson this morning is, "When your father and mother forsake you then the Lord will take you up."

Wicked Dickey Hicks—Sposen de ole folks never goes back on ye; what den?—New York Herald.